

# MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## Session #799

A regular meeting of the Mt. Hood Community College District Board of Education was held on May 13, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the visual arts theatre at 26000 SE Stark Street, Gresham, Oregon.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

- 1.1 Vice Chair Beverly Russell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Brian Freeman; Bob Morris; Beverly Russell; Dave Shields; and Ralph Yates. Duke Shepard entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m. Absent: Rod Monroe.
- 1.2 Association representatives present at the public session: Jennie Reinders, classified; Jeff Forbis, confidential; Gary DeRoest, faculty; Marilyn Pitts, part-time faculty and tutors; and Robert Cox, supervisory.
- 1.3 Board officers present at the public session: John J. "Ski" Sygielski, clerk of the Board; JoAnn Zahn, deputy clerk.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

- 2.1 The agenda was approved without objection.
- 2.2 The consent agenda was presented for consideration, as follows:
  - a. Approval of minutes
  - b. Financial report
  - c. Resolution to Transfer Budget Appropriations
  - d. Consideration of Food Services Contractor
  - e. Consideration of Auditing Services
  - f. Consideration of Head Start Grants for COLA and Economic Stimulus Fund

M/ Dave Shields to "approve the consent agenda, items a-f, as presented." The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

### **3. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS**

- 3.1 President Sygielski introduced Stephen Dietrich and his mother, Sandy. Stephen was chosen as Mt. Hood Community College's 2009 student scholar, and he was honored at a luncheon with the Governor during the past month: Stephen is a member of the Dean's Honor Roll, Phi Theta

Kappa, UCORE fellow and the President's list. He plans to transfer to Reed College to earn a Bachelor's degree in Organic Chemistry. Vice Chair Russell extended congratulations on behalf of the Board and thanked them for coming.

- 3.2 Chair Shepard called on President Sygielski and Nancy Szofran to present an update on the draft Strategic Plan. A committee made up of community members, staff and board members plus over 70 focus groups provided input and feedback over the past nine months as the draft strategic plan was developed. Measures are currently being developed and will be presented to the Board in July.
- 3.3 Dick Byers presented an update on the Johnson Controls project. Once confirmation on the energy credits is received, they will be reviewed and a resolution will be presented to the Board to consider authorizing a financing plan for this project. Time is of the essence due to lead time required to manufacture parts and receive them in time to be installed before the weather changes in the fall. .
- 3.4 Dick Byers then presented an update on the Go Oregon projects. All MHCC projects began at least one day before the State deadline of April 29. September 2 is the targeted completion date for all projects except the staging in the theatre. The Board requested a walkthrough of the Go Oregon projects before the July Board meeting.
- 3.5 President Sygielski reported on: personnel items; visits to legislators; Distinguished Teacher Awards; the East Portland Chamber meeting held at Maywood Park Campus; Master Facilities Plan; proposal to legislature to receive funding for seismic upgrades; Associated Student Government (ASG) award event; the MHCC course schedule; and the Joint Leadership Council's review of cost saving ideas and development of an action plan to contain costs and increase revenues.

#### **4. PUBLIC INPUT**

Four members of the public presented testimony on the proposal to make all campuses tobacco free, including a resolution presented by Janine Johnston, president of the Associated Student Government, on behalf of ASG asking that more time be given to this consideration. The resolution is part of the official minutes.

Five members of the public presented testimony on the proposed KMHD / Oregon Public Broadcasting partnership. Written testimony is part of the official minutes.

Rae Peres, Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) student, Associated Student Government (ASG) Director of Diversity and candidate for ASG Vice President, presented a statement to the Board concerning discrimination she faced while a candidate and the continuation of that discrimination following the ASG election. She stated she has received much support from staff and faculty and, in addition, knowing that the Board of Education has no tolerance for discrimination means a great deal to her and to all students. Rae commented she looks forward to moving on to create a better, safer place for all students. Written testimony is part of the official minutes.

## 5. BUSINESS

- 5.1 The Board continued its discussion from the previous meeting to make all campuses tobacco free.

M / Ralph Yates to “approve making all Mt. Hood Community College campuses tobacco free.” The motion was seconded and following discussion Dr. Yates amended his motion to read “approve making all Mt. Hood Community College campuses tobacco free by January 2, 2010.” The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

- 5.2 Duke Shepard presented a Term Sheet that he worked on with the President and Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB), which will be the basis for a contract. Chair Shepard stated he tried to capture what he heard at the Board meetings.

M / Beverly Russell to “approve the KMHD / OPB proposal.” The motion was seconded and following discussion was approved unanimously.

- 5.3 The Board considered a resolution to provide a tuition waiver for dependents and spouses of fallen Oregon resident soldiers who died while on active duty or due to a service connected disability. This is an expansion of the resolution approved May 2008 by the Board. The waiver is for “last dollar” up to and including 120 credits of tuition only for reimbursable classes where there is “space available” and does not cover books, fees or other expenses. All other Veterans’ Administration benefits and / or other forms of federal, state or private scholarships and grants will be applied prior to the granting of the tuition waiver. All

other academic and institutional policies apply. This tuition waiver policy is subject to cancellation at any time by the MHCCD Board of Education and will be reviewed on a periodic basis. The Board thanked Jerri for her work with veterans.

M / Brian Freeman to “approve the resolution as presented effective fall term 2009.” The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

- 5.4 M / Brian Freeman to “delegate authority to transfer funds to JoAnn Zahn, Director of Fiscal Operations, Budget Office and Auxiliary Services.” This is a result of the recent administrative reorganization. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Supporting documentation is part of the official minutes.

## **6. CLOSING REMARKS AND AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Ralph Yates thanked President Ski and his staff for all the leadership shown during the past year. He thanked Duke for his work as Chair during the past two years. Beverly Russell reported the Foundation Auction brought in \$149,000. The Miller Foundation matched donations for a total of \$213,214. She thanked MHCC employees, particularly the art department, facilities and public safety for their help with the annual Volkswalk recently held on the Gresham campus. Bob Morris attended a Teaching and Learning Center advisory committee meeting. Dave Shields reported that the audit committee is being formed. Brian Freeman thanked Dr. Ski and staff for the update on Go Oregon and Johnson Controls Inc (JCI). He requested the master plan for facilities be on the agenda for the Board Retreat, and he also would like the Board to spend time discussing how effective the Board meetings are with the possibility of changing the format. Duke Shepard reported that Brinkley Schedeen passed away recently.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Board Chair

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Clerk

Recorded by June Jacobs